

**REMARKS**

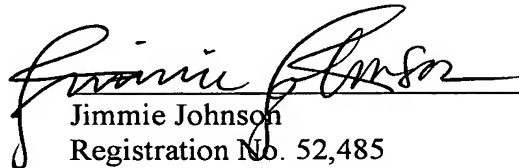
Reconsideration of the present application is requested in light of the above amendments. More particularly, the amendments overcome the Examiner's objection to the claims on the grounds of form without changing the scope of those claims and are therefore responsive to the Examiner's observation that the subject matter of the amended claims is allowable.

Claims 4, 11 – 12, 14, 17, and 18 – 19 are currently pending. Claims 4 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form and include all of the limitations of their respective base claims. Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 10, 13, and 15 – 16 have been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office issue a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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